GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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MORE POWERS TO PANCHAYATS
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from Panchayati Raj Institutions in Andaman & Nicobar Islands demanding more rights and allocation of financial resources for implementing schemes pertaining to matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has not in the last few months received any such representation from PRIs in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. However, when the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj undertook a Panchayati Raj Tour of Andaman & Nicobar in March 2007, several oral and written representations were made to him in respect of the devolution of functions, finances and functionaries to Panchayati Raj Institutions. These were examined and drafted into a joint Statement of Conclusions signed by the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj, on the one hand, and the Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the UT Administration, on the other. The roadmap outlined in the joint Statement is being monitored in a regular basis. A copy of the joint Statement is Annexe.